

**BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH  
MAY 25, 2016 WORK SESSION**

The work session was called to order by W. Bruce Michael at 7:00 P.M.

Members of Council present were Emery Seeley, James Long, Jennifer Kulesza, David Kershner, E. James Seeley, W. Bruce Michael, and Mayor Vercel Creveling. Secretary Amy Evans was present as well. Council member Ed Fenton and Junior Council Members Casey Curtin and Ronald Parker were not in attendance.

Citizens Linda Reinhardt and Joseph Riggio were also present.

The following bids were opened for fencing at the Borough Building; Suburban Fence Company for \$6,380.00, Neighbor Fence Company for \$7,950.00 and Rutkoski Fence Company for \$10,500.00.

The following bids were open for the removal of pine trees and one additional tree at the Borough Building; RJ Blenis Excavating and Concrete for \$2,100.00, A Certified Arborist for \$625.00 and Cooper Tree Service for \$1,800.00.

Council member Ed Fenton arrived at the meeting at 7:10 PM.

On motion of James Long, and seconded by Emery Seeley, with Ed Fenton, David Kershner, E. James Seeley and W. Bruce Michael in agreement, and Jennifer Kulesza opposed. The low bid of \$6,380.00 from Suburban Fence Company is accepted for the installation of fencing at the Borough Building.

Mayor Vercel Creveling and Jennifer Kulesza object Council's decision to spend money on a fence for the Borough grounds.

Jennifer Kulesza added that she prefer that Council use the funds to lower the speed the limit on Park Road.

Jennifer Kulesza made a motion for a traffic study to be performed on Park Road to lower the speed limit. Without a second to the motion, the motion will not be considered.

On motion of E. James Seeley, and seconded by David Kershner, with Emery Seeley, Ed Fenton, James Long, and W. Bruce Michael in agreement, and Jennifer Kulesza opposed. The low bid of \$625.00 from A Certified Arborist is accepted for the removal of several pine trees and one additional tree at the Borough Building.

Mayor Creveling and Jennifer Kulesza object to Council's decisions on spending money on the tree removal instead of using the funds toward lowering the speed limit on Park Road.

Jennifer Kulesza suggested that the Borough have the ivy removed from the hill at the Borough Building and that something else be planted in its place.

Council discussed bid specifications presented by the Borough Secretary for winter maintenance.

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On motion of E. James Seeley, and seconded by Ed Fenton, with the rest of Council in agreement an advertisement will be placed for the solicitation of winter maintenance bids for the Borough roads.

Council discussed the hall rental profit and loss over the past several years. Council discussed a few options for increasing the cost of the hall rentals.

On motion of Jennifer Kulesza, and seconded by James Long, with the rest of Council in agreement, Council will consider increases of \$20 or \$25 for the hall rentals.

On motion of James Long, and seconded by Ed Fenton, with the rest of Council in agreement, the Borough Secretary will order ten Zoning Ordinance books for \$159.60 to have at the Borough to sell or distribute as necessary.

Council reviewed the list of bills provided by the Secretary.

E. James Seeley notified Council that the Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority completed its Audit successfully.

Council discussed a complaint from Dollar General employees after a robbery at the store.

Council discussed the opening of the Berwick Area Swimming Pool (Ber Vaughn Pool). Transportation will be offered to children in Berwick to the Pool and Zumba classes will be offered at the Pool.

An upcoming Zoning course was discussed.

Council discussed a meeting with the Borough Solicitor concerning zoning violations in the Borough.

Mayor Creveling discussed the MS 4 Assessment request. The Borough Secretary is in the process of completing the assessment and will have it submitted prior to the due date.

Ed Fenton discussed the Storm Water Summit that he attended. He explained to Council that the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be completing their own audits.

E. James Seeley added the Borough needs the numbers from the County in order to determine the least costly way to proceed.

Council discussed educating residents to use rain water for gardening to help satisfy MS 4 requirements.

Mayor Creveling discussed the paint smell coming from Whitenight Auto Body. Zoning Officer, Ronald Bogart stated the he has been discussing the matter with DEP. Mayor Creveling informed the Zoning Officer that although DEP has informed him that there are no requirements for the small amount of paint being used, there is a Borough Ordinance that addresses fumes. The Mayor also added that he has pictures of the fumes coming from the building.

Council requested that the Borough Secretary contact Berkheimer to find out how many people are employed at Whitenight's.

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Mayor Creveling discussed the survey forms that were sent to those residents on Sparrow Drive and Lark Drive for the Columbia County grant.

With no further business to discuss, the work session adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully,

Amy Evans